

FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND RELATED MARINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2014 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard and related marine transportation programs. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard; David Matsuda, Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 569, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013"; H.R. 570, the "American Heroes COLA Act"; H.R. 602, the "Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act"; H.R. 671, the "Ruth Moore Act of 2013"; H.R. 679, the "Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act"; H.R. 733, the "Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act"; H.R. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson (OH), Pingree, and Walz; David R. McLenachen, Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION OF 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Implementation of 2012 Unemployment Insurance Reforms. Testimony was heard from Bill Starks, Director, Unemployment Insurance Division, Utah Department of Workforce Services; Tommy Williams, Texas State Senator; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D277)

S. 716, to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms. Signed on April 15, 2013. (Public Law 113–7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Guard and Reserve, 9 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a briefing on the situation in Syria, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine helping homeowners harmed by foreclosures, focusing on ensuring accountability and transparency in foreclosure reviews, part 2, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of passenger rail, focusing on what's next for the Northeast Corridor, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security; to be immediately followed by a

business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, continued hearing for public and outside witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Research, Education, and Economic Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Customs and Border Protection Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2014 Request, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Prisons, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, hearing on Department of State Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Recent Developments in Afghanistan", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Combat Aviation Programs", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Special Operations Forces", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1406, the "Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1549, the "Helping Sick Americans Now Act; H.R. 1580, to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance; and H.R. 3, the "Northern Route Approval Act", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the SEC's Failure to Implement the JOBS Act and its Impact on Economic Growth", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Securing U.S. Interests Abroad: The FY 2014 Foreign Affairs Budget", 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, meeting to Authorize the Chairman to issue a subpoena to the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "State Lands vs. Federal Lands Oil and Gas Production: What State Regulators are Doing Right", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Options to Bring the Postal Service Back from Insolvency", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "Contracting to Feed U.S. Troops in Afghanistan: How did the Defense Department end up in Multi-Billion Dollar Billing Dispute?", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of President's FY 2014 Budget Request for Science Agencies", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research, hearing entitled "An Overview of the National Science Foundation Budget for Fiscal Year 2014", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Health Care Law: Implementation and Small Businesses", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled "GAO Review: Are Additional Federal Courthouses Justified?", 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.